सेवा से जुड़े हुए हैं। कुछ एक ऐसे केन्द्र भी हैं जहां पहुंचने के लिए रेल मार्ग नहीं है ऐसे वे केन्द्र नजदीकी प्रमुख रेलवे स्टेशनों से सड़क मार्ग द्वारा अच्छी प्रकार जुड़े हुए हैं।

पर्यटक और तीर्थ केन्द्रों को रेल द्वारा जोड़ना प्रमुखतः संसाधनों की उपलब्धता और पारस्परिक प्राथमिकता एवं राज्य सरकारों द्वारा किए गए विशेष अनुरोधों पर भी आधारित है।

Technical and Economic aid to various countries

464. SHRI BHAGABAN MAJHI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the countries to which Government have extended technical and economic aid;

(b) the details of the technical economic aid received by these countries from India during 1993-94, 1994-95 and 1995-96;

(c) whether Government have taken steps to enhance grants to these countries during the current financial year; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

programmes which are suitable for family viewing. In order to ensure this, the films certified by the Central Board of Film Certification for universal screening only are telecast on Doordarshan.

The Central Board of Film Certification while certifying films, inter-alia, ensures that the medium of films remains responsible and sensitive to the values and standards of society without unduly curbing artistic expression and creative freedom.

Further, all the programmes and films telecast on Doordarshan are previewed before telecast by in-house committees of Doordarshan to ensure that they conform to the Broadcasting and Commercial Advertising Codes of Doordarshan.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) and (d) It is Doordarshan's constant endeavour to telecast programmes depicting Indian history, culture, traditions and social issues/values through programmes in various formats. Some of the programmes depicting these aspects telecast/being telecast by Doordarshan are Jhansi Ki Rani, Akbar the Great, Mahabharat, Surabhi, Hitopdesh (serial in Sanskrit), Karamati, Sabka Malik Ek Hai, etc.

Strike in AIIMS and Safdarjung Hospitals

465. SHRI MD. SALIM:
SHRI VAYALAR RAVI:
SHRI O.P. KOHLI:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that karamcharis in the Safdarjung Hospital and AIIMS have been on frequent strike affecting the working of these hospitals;

(b) if so, since when and the specific reasons for their going on strike;

(c) the effect of the strike on the health care of the patients;

(d) what action Government have taken so far to resolve the matters at dispute; and

(e) the number of times of doctors, nurses and karamcharis have gone on strike in these hospitals in the last three years and what steps have been taken to prevent frequent strikes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI): (a) and (b) Strikes have taken place in Safdarjung Hospital and AIIMS by various group of employees, Doctors or students seeking redressal of their grievances or fulfilment of de-

mands relating to their career prospects, conditions of work etc.

(c) During the strike the smooth working of the hospital is affected.

(d) and (e) There is a well laid out procedure for tackling a strike situation which is invariably adopted to avoid inconvenience to the patients and public. In AIIMS and Safdarjung Hospital during the last 3 years, various groups of employees went on strike/mass casual leave 6 times and 3 times respectively.

Sale of VSNL shares by UTI

466. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Unit Trust of India sold its substantial portion of VSNL shares when the scrip was already under pressure and the scrip prices have been sliding;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) what is the outcome of the investigations if any, made by Government into the circumstances leading to the sale of VSNL shares by UTI ahead of sell off; and

(d) the reaction of Government with regard thereto?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b) According to the information furnished by Unit Trust of India (UTI) during the period November'95 to October'96 it sold 21,45,200 shares of VSNL. The market operations were undertaken by UTI to meet redemption and dividend requirements of the schemes of UTI.

(c) and (d) The Government has not undertaken any investigation into the matter as Financial Institutions manage their portfolio based on their commercial perception and internal norms.

Stipend to Graduate Internees by Private Medical and Dental Colleges

467. SHRI PARAG CHALIHA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that private medical and dental colleges are required to pay stipend to their graduate internees;

(b) if so, the details thereof,

(c) whether it is a fact that majority of these colleges do not pay the amount; and

(d) if so, what steps Government propose to curb this practice;

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI): (a), (b) and (d) Dental Council of India Regulations on BDS Course provide that every candidate will be required after passing the fip BDS examination to undergo one year paid internship in a dental college. However, Medical Council of India Regulations/ recommendation on Graduate Medical Education do not stipulate paid internship.

(c) Government have no information.

Revenue projection and earnings by DD during 1996-97

468. SHRIMATI JAYANTI PATNAIK: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been substantial growth in Doordarshan (DD) revenue during the current financial year;

(b) if so, the total mount of revenue earned by DD from various channels during the seven months of 1996-97;

(c) the projection made for the current year; and

(d) the year-wise total revenue earned by DD from the different sources/programmes during the last three years?